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SUBJECT: NYERERE INTERVIEW IN "AFRICA" MAGAZINE

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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY'S READING OF NYERERE INTERVIEW IN "AFRICA" MAGAZINE CONTRADICTORY TO THAT VERSION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT- CONTROLLED IVORIAN NEWSPAPER DATED MAY 15. END SUMMARY

2. NOT SURE WHAT HAS BEEN LOST IN THE TRANSLATION, BUT OUR INTERPRETATION OF NYERERE INTERVIEW IN "AFRICA" MAGAZINE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THAT VIEW EXPRESSED IN MAY 15, IVORIAN NEWSPAPER.

3. NYERERE, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT MILITARY GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA, SAID, "THERE IS NOTHING INHERENTLY SACRED ABOUT
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CIVILIAN GOVERNMENTS AND NOTHING INHERENTLY EVIL ABOUT MILITARY GOVERNMENTS. NASSER WAS A SOLDIER, SO IS SIAD BARRE, AND SO IS YAKUBU GOWON. SOME OF THE MOST CORRUPT AND REACTIONARY REGIMES ARE OR HAVE BEEN HEADED BY CIVILIANS. IT WAS NOTICEABLE TOO THAT WHEN THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF TALK ABOUT 'DIALOGUE' WITH SOUTH AFRICA IT WAS NOT HEADED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS. INDEED, I DO NOT REMEMBER THAT A SINGLE MILITARY REGIME TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN THE PROPAGANDA FOR SOUTH AFRICA."

4. THE NEWSPAPER COMMENT THAT REPORTED THE MAGAZINE INTERVIEW WAS A " REAFFIRMATION OF FIERCE AND CATEGORICAL OPPOSITION TO VIOLENCE AND WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA" IS NOT SUSTAINED ANYWHERE IN THE INTERVIEW ITSELF. NYERERE SAID, " I CANNOT VISUALIZE AN AFRICAN MILITARY HIGH COMMAND WITHOUT AN AFRICAN POLITICAL HIGH COMMAND.... TO TALK ABOUT THE FIRST WITHOUT THE SECOND IS ABSURD." THE PUBLISHED INTERVIEW IN " AFRICA" QUOTES NYERERE AS SAYING" " THE DANGER ABOUT THIS TALK OF AN AFRICAN MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IS THAT IT CAN BE AN ALIBI FOR DOING NOTHING ABOUT THE LIBERATION OF OUR CONTINENT ."

5. NYERERE REPEATED IN THE INTERVIEW THAT WHICH HE HAS SAID MANY TIMES, THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN AREAS " HAVE ALREADY SHOWN THAT THEY ARE READY AND WILLING TO FIGHT. WHAT THEY NEED FROM US, FROM INDEPENDENT AFRICA, IS NOT DREAMS ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT DO BUT THE MATERIAL SUPPORT WHICH WE ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF GIVING BUT ARE IN FACT GIVING IN A RATHER NIGGARDLY FASHION. THEY WANT FROM INDEPENDENT AFRICA THE ARMS, THE FOOD, THE CLOTHING, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ETC. ETC., WITHOUT WHICH THEIR STRUGGLE CANNOT SUCCEED IN THE MODERN WORLD. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE AN AFRICAN MILITARY HIGH COMMAND TO SEE THAT THEY GET THESE THINGS. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS A REAL, SERIOUS AND GENUINE COMMITMENT BY INDEPENDENT AFRICA TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF THIS CONTINENT".

6. ADMITTEDLY THERE MIGHT BE A CHANGE OF NUANCE IN THE FRENCH VERSION OF THE INTERVIEW, BUT WE DOUBT THERE COULD BE SUCH A SERIOUS DISCREPANCY
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